Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I wish to move for the Third Reading of the Bill. No amendment has been made. I may be permitted to move that in Clause 1, sub-clause (i) after the figures "111" the figure "6" may be added.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The amendment was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Travancore Payment of Wages Bill be passed.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

PRESIDENT: It has been brought to my notice that about 60 amendments have been given notice of by Mr. R. Sivaramakrishna Iyer today. I should like to know why he has sent them so late. He was nominated a week ago.

MR. R. SIVARAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I got the order only last wednesday.

PRESIDENT: When did you send up the amendments?

MR. R. SIVARAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I sent it day before yesterday by anchal.

SECRETARY: It was received only today.

PRESIDENT: So it took three days for the Anchal Department to take it from Kuzhithurai to Trivandrum. Did the honourable member post the letter day before yesterday itself?

MR. R. SIVARAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

SECRETARY: Yesterday being Sunday was a holiday.

PRESIDENT: Is it the pleasure of the House that these 60 amendments should be considered in which case they must be printed and taken up for consideration tomorrow? It is entirely left to the discretion of the House. (The House assented to the proposal.) So it will be taken up for consideration tomorrow.

THE TRAVANCORE (KEROSENE) EXCISE DUTY BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill. From the statement of objects and reasons honourable members might have observed that it is proposed to levy an excise duty not exceeding as. 8 on every imperial gallon of kerosene manufactured in this State. Kerosene imported into British India has to bear an import duty levied by the British Indian Government. Kerosene is manufactured in British India and on

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every imperial gallon manufactured they levy an excise duty. Kerosene oil consumed in Travancore is what is ordinarilly imported from British India. On no kerosene oil manufactured in Travancore or directly imported from British India is an excise duty levied by this Government. The British Indian Law provides for the manufacture of kerosene oil in British India and an excise duty is lieved there. The absence of a similar Law in Travancore has brought about a bad situation. Crude oil on which a comparatively lighter duty is imposed yeilds a large quantity of Kerosene when subjected to certain chemical processes. This oil it is possible to sell at comparatively cheaper rates. As a matter of fact it is being so done. This gives a set back to British Indian kerosene oil. The absence of legislation similar to the British Indian legislation gives the enterprising British Indian manufacture to establish manufactories in Travancore and evade the excise and customs laws of British India. In view of the relationship between Travancore and British India this is scarcely commendable.

PRESIDENT: This Government is under an obligation and I need not say that whatever happens this will become law. We have to carry out our undertakings to the Government of India.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: പുന്നക്കാ എണ്ണയിൽനിന്നും മരോട്ടിഎണ്ണയിൽനിന്നും കറിസൺആയിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയാൽ അതും ഈ നിയമത്താൽ പെടുകയില്ലയോ ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: പുന്നക്കാഎണ്ണയിൽനിന്നും മരോട്ടിഎണ്ണയിൽനിന്നും കറിസൺ ആയിൽ ഉണ്ടാക്കാവുള്ളതായി കേട്ടിട്ടില്ല.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: "തീ കത്തിക്കാൻ ഉപയോഗിക്കാവുന്ന" എന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളത്.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: കറിസൺ ആയിലിനോടു തുല്യമായ നിലയിൽ ഈവക എണ്ണകളേയും ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന എങ്കിൽ അവയേയും ഈ നിയമം ബാധിക്കും. ബാധിക്കാതിരിക്കുകയില്ല.

It is therefore proposed that the manufacture that is now being carried on in Travancore should be regulated in accordance with the provisions of this Bill and that Government should be enabled to impose an excise duty on every gallon that is manufactured here. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

PRESIDENT: Normally speaking, this Government would not have stood in the way of any improvement of process or of manufacture which leads to the production within the State of any article necessary for consumption, especially such an article as kerosene oil. If it could be produced cheaper in a particular way, Government would have been

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glad and would have welcomed all necessary steps and the enterprise would have been encouraged rather than discouraged. But the position in regard to this commodity which is of world-wide use is special. There are certain Laws and Regulations existing in British India and naturally they are anxious that there should be no method which would evade their laws by a resort to processes in a neighbouring State. So having regard to the fact that we have made it clear that it is not our intention to work against the interest of British India and the British Indian Exchequer by a procedure which may lead to a serious situation elsewhere we must remove any impression that we are manufacturing or conniving at the manufacture of kerosene oil so as to deprive British India of the dues which they are entitled to. I hope honourable members will bear this fact in mind.

The motion was put and carried.

SECRETARY: The title of the Bill shall be "The Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill".

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: It is a very simple measure and it corresponds to a similar enactment in British India. I do not propose to refer it to a Select Committee but request you, Sir, to suspend the Standing Order and permit me to move for the second reading.

PRESIDENT: Permission is granted.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise duty Bill be taken into consideration.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 5.

The question that Clauses 1 to 5 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 5 were added to the Bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the Bill.

MR PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Before moving for the third reading of the Bill I move that the figure '1116' be added after the word 'Act' in sub-clause (1) of Clause 1.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I move that the Travancore (Kerosene) Excise Duty Bill be passed.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE POLICE ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to introduce the Travancore Police Act (Amendment) Bill From the statement of objects and reasons it will be found that this provision is intended to enable the authorities to detect better and more effeciently cases o itheft which are of frequent occurrence in the State. It empowers the police within any specified area to notify pawn-brokers and workers in metals of the theft of any stolen property thereby, casting an obligation on the

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